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In re Patent No. 6,767,182  
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Application No. 10/006,868  
Filed: October 26, 2001  
Patentee: Deron C. McCabe

ON PETITION

This is a decision in response to a petition, filed July 10, 2009, under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

This patent expired on August 3, 2008 for failure to pay the first maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition is timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

A petition to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee under 35 U.S.C. 41(c) and 37 CFR 1.378(c) must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the delay was unintentional; (2) payment of the appropriate maintenance fee, unless previously submitted; (3) payment of the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

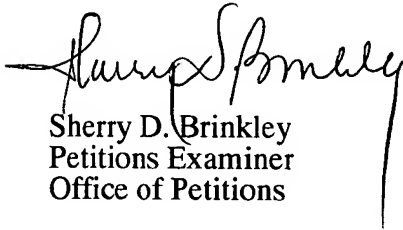
The 3 ½ year maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

It is noted that the petition is signed by the inventor, Deron C. McCage; however, petitioner has appointed a representative to conduct all business before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Office). If petitioner no longer wishes to be represented by the representative of record, then a revocation of the power of attorney or patent agent should be submitted.

Petitioner is advised that the mere filing of a power of attorney and/or a change of correspondence address will not affect the fee address. Therefore, if petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding any Maintenance Fee Reminder which may be mailed regarding maintenance fees for the above-identified patent, a "Fee Address" Indication Form (see PTO/SB/47) and Request for Customer Number (see PTO/SB/125) must also be submitted.

A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the petitioner herein; however, all future correspondence regarding this patent will be directed solely to the above-noted correspondence address of record.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.



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